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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fellow members — This month I am truly pleased to report to the membership that the TNA Memorial Library has, at long last, been moved from Fort Worth to the custody of Dick Dollen, our District III Governor, in Abilene. For several months Dick and I have been agonizing over moving the library and everything has finally come together. The entire organization is indebted to Dick. Dick plans to see that some shelves are constructed for storing the books, etc. I have sent to Dick a copy, which was put together by Miriam and Wally Gilmore about 1976, I think, of the list of volumes in the library. Though the list is old it will, at least, be something from which Dick and his wife can work to develop a current listing. When that is accomplished we can then publish, in several issues of the TNA NEWS, the volumes and slide sets which are available. When that is done, I hope that many of you will utilize the library. The only cost will be postage to and from the member.

Your secretary, Eleanor, has told me that TNA now has 50 active, paid-up, chapter members; in another word, clubs. I note in the August 1987 issue of TNA NEWS that of those 50 clubs only 18 clubs had sent to the Editor any news regarding their recent activities, meetings, programs, etc. A VERY POOR PERCENTAGE. JUST 36%. There was nothing from Districts II, III, IV, X, and XII. Surely there is some numismatic activity in those districts. Send those reports to your Editor — I know she will see that they are published. If you want others to know what you are doing, you must send those reports to the Editor.

— See ya' next month.

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CROATIAN NOTES

A current price list for Croatian, Slovenian and other Balkan area banknotes is available from the Croatian Numismatic Society, 254 Crestwood Dr., Hobart, Ind. 46342.

This list is free to all interested collectors when accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope from the United States. Canadian and overseas collectors should send an international reply coupon to cover the cost of postage.

COIN COLLECTING CAN BE FUN

Chris Johns
Houston, Texas
(DoubleShift)

Coin collecting is one of the most satisfying hobbies in the whole world and Texas! Consider these:

— A husband who is interested in adding to the family exchequer. Buying and selling coins adds to the family income, adds to his knowledge, adds to his circle of friends, adds endless advantages.

— A wife who is into "Women's Lib." There is a tremendous number of coins from over the world with portraits of women on them. Queen Elizabeth, Maria Theresa of Austria, Goya's notorious Naked Maja, the mother-in-law of an ancient Chinese emperor, and on and on.

— The boy child who is into sports. Coins from over the world depict the Olympic games; some of the most beautiful are from the summer games in Canada, 1973 through 1976. Dollar-size coins show sports, such as lacrosse and rowing.

— The family friend who sells new or used cars, works in the service department of a car dealership or even has his own garage. Did you know that in 1921 China minted a coin depicting an automobile? 'struth! The "Auto" dollar (isn't that an original name?) was minted in China's Kweichow province and has an old touring car as its main device.

— A friend who is a nun or priest? Did you know the Vatican issues its own coins? Yes, the Vatican City coins portray such religious scenes as saints, Keys of the Kingdom, the Holy Father and many more.

— Want to do something nice for an opthalmologist? Consider the myriad of coins portraying individuals wearing glasses. The Austrian 1970 50 Schilling commemorates the centennial of the birth of Dr. Karl Renner and shows the old gentleman with his eyeglasses. Thailand in 1973, issued a commemorative for the World Health Organization which shows King Bhumpiphol Adulyadet with his glasses on a 1-Baht coin.

— Is grandma playing nursing home to all the stray dogs, cats and birds in the neighborhood? Consider all the coins picturing birds and animals. One of the most popular is the "barnyard" set of Ireland. The farthing pictures a bird, the half-penny has a pig and piglets, the penny has a hen with her chicks, the 3-pence a rabbit, the 6-pence a greyhound, the shilling a bull, the florin a fish and the half crown shows a horse. The Isle of Man, an island in the Irish Sea, issued a crown in 1970 portraying the Manx cat. Beautiful!

— Is Uncle Pete a seaman? Consider the 50 new pence of the Isle of Man, 1971, picturing a ship; the coins of Kuwait issued in 1961 with a dhow, the island-hopping ship of that Persian Gulf country; or even the 1970 $1 from New Zealand, commemorating the bicentennial of Captain James Cook's voyages of discovery and picturing his ship, the Resolution.

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EASTERN CARIBBEAN ISSUES 6-COIN SET

The British Royal Mint has been authorized to issue a limited number of frosted proof base metal collections by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank. Containing six coins, the collection represents the circulating coinage of the Eastern Caribbean States, a federation established in 1979, consisting of the twin island states of Antigua and Barbuda, St. Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis, St. Lucia, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Lying in the southern segment of the Caribbean archipelago, these islands, each different and special in its own way, share the common heritage of British colonization and a wealth of history. It was during the 17th and 18th centuries that Britain and France, and to a lesser extent Spain and Holland, struggled for supremacy in what was considered a vital area of new wealth. Sugar and spices and an ample supply of cheap labor were extremely desirable commodities, and the strategic importance of the Caribbean in a developing world, set the scene for many years of fierce action.

Indeed, the island of St. Lucia changed hands no less than 14 times until the English finally wrested it from the French in 1803. Britain's naval hero, Horatio Nelson, was stationed in Antigua as a captain, following the Treaty of Versailles, and married Frances Nesbitt on Nevis in 1787.

The island of St. Kitts boasts one of the most magnificent forts in the New World, "Brimstone Hill." Set high on a commanding hill, it became known during the 18th century as the Gibraltar of the West Indies.

It was in 1782 that one of the most significant sea battles between England and France was fought in the Eastern Caribbean. England had recently lost her colonies in America and was desperate that the French didn't capitalize on that fact. In two days of ferocious fighting, often referred to as the "Battle of the Saintes," Admiral George Rodney's fleet inflicted a crushing defeat on the French, under the command of Admiral Comte de Grasse. The victory made a major contribution to Britain's final dominance in the region for a period of almost two centuries, until the process of independence which took place from the 1960's onward.

While many Caribbean Islands were discovered by Columbus during the last decade of the 15th century, it was the voyage of circumnavigation undertaken by Sir Francis Drake in 1577-1580, that opened up the way for the first English settlers in the West Indies and the later British colonization of so many islands in the region. The influence of Drake is reflected in the design choice for the ECCB Collection. Two designs are featured on the reverses of the six coins: the $1, (aluminum-bronze) and the 25¢ and 10¢ coins (cupro-nickel) share the common reverse design of the "Golden Hind," the famous ship in which Sir Francis Drake made his voyage around the world. The reverse design of the 5¢, 2¢ and 1¢ coins (aluminum;) features two crossed palm leaves encir-

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The currency of North America has included in its history, the monetary system of Russia. Catherine the Great, the czarist of Moscow, had her explorers capture Alaska and the Pacific Coast down to the San Francisco Bay in 1725-1730. Across from the Spanish town was established the fur trading post of Fort Rose run by the Russians.

The Alaskan Peninsula was bought by the United States in 1867 but Russia claimed territorial rights until Alaska became a state in 1959. Russian history is divided into three periods of time, Attilla the Hun, Genghis Khan and Stalin.

Catherine the Great was the first female empress of Russia and her image appeared on the coins minted. Since she was the leader of the Russian Orthodox Church and a so-called descendant of Julius Caesar, she was dictator for life of the world. In religious belief of the czars being Caesar, the Soviet Union gets its belief in its right to world conquest. The pretender to the throne exists today in the minting of coins such as the 1984 Olympic which propagandizes the cause of 1917 Bolshevick Revolutions. But it was under Catherine's reign that Russia enjoyed its greatest extent of power. **— Submitted by Larry Haegle, Fort Worth, Texas.**

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Tom Kong was the president of American National Bank of Okmulgee, Oklahoma — Charter #12048. There was a meeting of the board of directors on May 17, 1929. The directors decided that the American National would be absorbed by the Central National Bank — Charter #11001. Mr. Kong was so upset over this that he shot himself in front of his house as soon as he got home! — **Submitted by Frank Clark, Carrollton, Texas.**

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In July, Canadians began using a new dollar coin showing a loon on the reverse and the usual portrait of the queen on the obverse. The coin already has picked up some nicknames, the most common one being "the looney."

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America's first "money" lady was Lucy Petway Holcombe Pickens. She was the first woman with her picture on American currency. Lucy was a member of a prominent South Carolina family, and her likeness was reproduced on the Confederacy's $100 bill in 1862.

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Mini Money — The Hong Kong one cent and the Fiji one penny (about 2½ x 1½ inches) are the smallest-sized notes and lowest denominations in the history of paper money. They were issued early in World War II to alleviate the shortage of metal.

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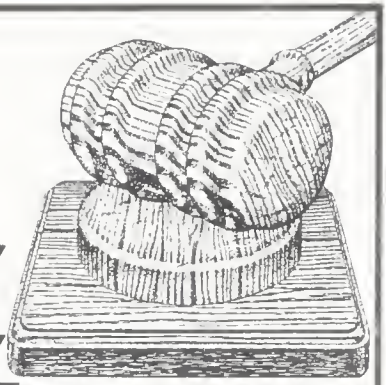
When a Hunt County, Texas community was denied Money, it took Cash instead! And it's still called Cash today.

Citizens tried to name their town for J. A. Money, the first postmaster, but Washington rejected that name in favor of Cash. Cash is locacated south of Greenville.

Texas also has Old Dime Box and Dime Box situated a few miles apart and east of Austin.



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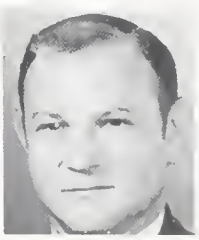

In the last column, I briefly discussed what makes successful clubs successful. Leadership, communications and funding were the key elements. But growth is also a factor. While some clubs can get along with only a few stable members, most clubs need membership growth to sustain club progress and to avoid stagnation. So, how can clubs increase membership?

Let's look first at the potential. It's pretty much a known fact that the vast majority of coin collectors are not affiliated with any organized coin club or society. Those experienced collectors who want to find clubs to join have a good idea where and how to find them. Why many of them don't may be associated with their desire for anonymity for security sake, or previous experience with do-nothing clubs. We'll discuss this situation later. Right now, I'd like to focus on the collector who's never been a member, beginner, and the youngsters. Many in these groups don't know how to find a club and may not even know that clubs exist. There's no easy way to identify and lure prospective members but some of the following suggestions might help.

One alternative is to place a small ad in your local newspaper announcing your meeting and its agenda, and that new collectors and guests are welcome. In addition, many newspapers will be happy to run your meeting information in their "What's Happening" column at no cost to the club. A classified ad, too, is inexpensive and placed in a category such as "Coins and Jewelry," may be alternative to a larger, more costly ad. While ads in **Coin World, Numismatic News,** and other coin hobby publications are expensive, if you send them your club newsletter, you'll find they publish your club activities as well as your meeting time, date and place within their club columns.

One relatively inexpensive way to attract new members is to enlist the help of your local coin dealers. If they are members of your club, so much the better. In their conversations with customers, they can pass on information about your club and, if you leave the dealers flyers or monthly newsletters, they can pass them on to non-member customers. Another place to leave the flyers is at your local supermarkets. Most of them have bulletin boards where you can place notices for meetings.

One nice task I personally handle for the Gateway Coin Club is to write a personal invitation attached to the latest club newsletter to any new ANA member who has a San

Antonio-listed address published in **The Numismatist.** It's pretty simple and has gained Gateway two members this year.

Sponsoring a coin collecting merit badge program and conducting educational programs relating coins to history are two ways of generating interest in youngsters. It's not that difficult providing this type of community service. I have personally been involved in providing a program at the local museum and one at a local library.

There's one other target group that is usually lucrative when searching for new members — the transients. I don't mean indigents; I'm talking about local military bases and colleges. Many of the collectors at these facilities are happy to know they are welcome into your clubs and, usually, they are among the hardest workers when it comes to projects and programs. San Antonio, in particular, has a heavy population from these areas and our clubs have gained members from both groups. A flyer or bulletin board notice at military or college recreation centers and clubs, and at the USO may attract the collectors in this target group.

Once you've gotten some new members, you need to keep them. In my next column, I'll talk about maintaining interest to stimulate not only the new members, but the experienced ones as well.

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WELCOME to new members 5007-A-5028, and the Collin County Coin Club. If approved the following will become members October 1, 1987.

5029 (D-5) Joe B. Witte, 2032 Sierra Dr., Lewisville, TX. 75067. Paul Garner.

5030 (D-5) Phillip Neal Crum, 557 Prairie Dell, Lewisville, TX. 75067. Morgan Peace Dollars. Gold, Silver Bullion & Coins. Frank Clark & Steve L. Kahn.

DECEASED

2054 Tony Polansky - Dallas, Texas

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VIP AWARD

District 5 Governor - Paul Garner
#3718 Frank E. Clark III

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TEXAS MAN EXHIBITS RARE COINS AT ANA

The Mickley-Hawn specimen of the United States 1804 silver dollar and the Reed Hawn 1913 Liberty Head nickel were on display in Atlanta, Georgia in August at the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association.

Only 15 examples of the 1804 dollar and five of the 1913 nickel are known to exist, according to Reed Hawn, Inc. of Austin.

The 1913 nickel was purchased at auction in January 1983 for $385,000 and the 1804 dollar in January 1974 for $150,000, which at the time was a world's record price. Both coins, now valued at near $2 million, are in proof condition, and had not been exhibited together before by Hawn. According to the owner, collectors consider these coins to be the two to own, and he says that more has been written about them than any other coins as they are the most famous in coin history.

Hawn is celebrating 25 years in numismatics. His other interests are breeding and selling Arabian horses, venture capital, investments, real estate and others.

from the treasurer

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Interest on Checking Account	38.97	
Balance of Money from San Antonio Convention	5,861.88	6,251.35
		14,326.82
DISBURSEMENTS:		
TNA Secretary - June Allowance/Petty Cash	275.44	
TNA News Edit./July Allowance/Petty Cash	231.15	
Frank Galindo (Medal Expense)	16.89	
Jerry Williams (Postage)	8.80	
River Oaks Printing (2 Months)	2,569.38	3,101.66
		11,225.16
Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1987		11,225.16*

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TNA Memorial Library Fund	100.93*	
TNA NEWS Certificate of Deposit	7,069.45	
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NEW MEXICO COIN DEALERS ASSN., 8th annual coin show. Holiday Inn (Midtown), 2020 Menael St. **CONTACT:** John Adrian, Box 5571 KAFB, Albuquerque, NM 87185.

SEPTEMBER 12-13
TYLER COIN CLUB, annual show Harvey Hall.

SEPTEMBER 19-20
ALAMO COIN CLUB, coin show, Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Hwy., San Antonio, **BOURSE:** Richard Pinette, Box 790441, San Antonio 78279-0441, (512) 674-4949).

SEPTEMBER 20
DALLAS COIN DEALERS ASSN., Travel Lodge, Grand Prairie, I-30 & Beltline. **BOURSE:** Jess Farnsworth, 130 W. Camp Wisdom, Duncanville 75116, 214/296-6659.

SEPTEMBER 26
RICEBELT COIN CLUB, 3rd annual show, American Legion Hall, Hwy. 71, El Campo. **BOURSE:** Art Keinarth, P. O. Box 1504, El Campo 77437, 409/543-9258.

SEPTEMBER 27
BEEVILLE COIN CLUB, 20th annual coin show, Student Center, Bee County College, US 181, Charco Rd. **WRITE:** Beeville Coin Club, Box 209, Beeville 78104, 512/375-2454.

OCTOBER 3
BEAUMONT COIN CLUB, 28th annual show, Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main St. **BOURSE:** Dale Richey, Box 93, Silsbee 77656.

OCTOBER 3-4
GOLDEN SPREAD COIN CLUB, INC., Fall coin show, Civic Center, Amarillo. **WRITE:** Pam Tipton, 500 S. Virginia, Amarillo 79106. 806/372-8786.

OCTOBER 10-11
FORT WORTH COIN CLUB, 26th annual coin show, Amon Carter Square, Will Rogers Exhibition Hall.

OCTOBER 17-18
CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, annual fall show, La Quinta Royale Hotel. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

OCTOBER 24-25
1st Annual DFW Coin & Stamp Show, Rodeway Inn, Six Flags, 833 N. Watson Rd., Arlington. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76180.

OCT. 31-NOV. 1
LAFAYETTE COIN CLUB, Annual Cajun Coinival, Hotel Acadiana, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., Layfayette, La. **WRITE:** Mike Mouret, 1321 S. Edith St., Opelausas, La. 70570.

NOVEMBER 7-8
AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual

show, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

NOVEMBER 20-22
NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL, annual NICE '87, Harvey Hotel Addison, 14315 Midway Rd., Dallas. **WRITE:** Phil Lawrence, Box 836094, Richardson 75083, 214/690-9678.

NOVEMBER 21-22
RED RIVER COIN CLUB, coin & stamp show, Wichita Falls Activity Center, 1001 Indiana. **BOURSE:** Logan Essex, Box 4061, Wichita Falls 76308.

1988 EVENTS

MARCH 19-20
SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock. **BOURSE:** Herman Jacobs, Box 3795, Lubbock 79452.

APRIL 22-24
TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, 30th convention, Adam's Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Dr. at Westheimer, Houston. **HOST:** Greater Houston Coin Club. **BOURSE:** Ray Aldrete, Box 1345, Houston 77251, 713/580-3206.

MAY 14-15
VICTORIA NUMISMATIC CLUB, annual show, Holiday Inn, Hiway 59. **BOURSE:** Graves Rouse, 403 First Victoria National Bank, Victoria 77901, 512/575-5621.

JUNE 4-5
GARLAND COIN CLUB, 24th annual coin show, Holiday Inn — Garland, 13700 LBJ Freeway & Centerville. **BOURSE:** Tim Lee, Box 851181, Richardson 75085-1181.

SEPTEMBER 24-25
AUSTIN COIN CLUB annual show, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

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1990 — FORT WORTH

CLUB EXCHANGE

Members of the Fort Worth Coin Club are seeking other TNA clubs issuing monthly newsletters and would like to trade. The Fort Worth club publishes a newsletter that they are proud of and believe it has brought club members closer together, according to spokesman Morris L. Johnson, former TNA District 1 governor.

POTEET

TNA NEWS received word of the death of Vestice Poteet on June 20, 1987.

Poteet, a former TNA member, served for many years as secretary-treasurer of the Hunt County Coin Club.

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DISTRICT I —

Don Yancy showed some of his woodworking samples to members of **Stephenville Coin Club** when they met at the Golden Corral.

Mario Johnson will head a committee to purchase coins for club auctions. He also is in charge of ordering tapes from the ANA for club programs. The club voted to buy 1988 Red Books for members to sell. — **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

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Members of the **Fort Worth Coin Club** are preparing to host the 26th annual coin show on October 10-11 at Amon Carter Square, Will Rogers Exhibition Hall. For more information contact Elleta Havens at 626-6783.

The summer get-to-gether was held with refreshments of watermelon, cantelope, cookies and cake. Games were played. —

Newsletter.

MOVING?

SEND NEW ADDRESS TO TNA SECRETARY: ELEANOR KENNADY 2901 SILVERLEAF DR. AUSTIN, TEXAS 78757

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Dick Doffen
Governor

A discussion was held by members of **Key City Coin Club** of Abilene on hosting a District 3 meeting. Decision was tabled until a later date.

The club ordered 10 proof sets and two Constitution proofs from the mint. — **Marylu Meggenson, Sec.**

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DISTRICT V —

Paul Gorner
Governor

The **Garland Coin Club** has selected a date for the 1988 coin show which is June 4-5 at the Holiday Inn, 13700 LBJ Freeway (LBJ & Centerville). Tim Lee is bourse chairman and his address is P.O. Box 851181, Tx. 75085-1181.

Ron Blaha gave an ANA slide program on U.S. type coins — quarters through silver dollars. The quarter series consisted of the Draped Bust type, Turban Head, Liberty

Seated, Liberty Head (Barber), Standing Liberty and Washington Head.

Half dollars included the Flowing Hair, Draped Bust (small and large eagle), Turban Head Capped Bust, Liberty Seated, Barber, Walking Liberty, Franklin and Kennedy. Types for the silver dollar series, first authorized by Congress on April 2, 1792, consisted of the Flowing Hair, Draped Bust, Liberty Seated, Morgan and Peace.

The Trade type was issued to compete with other silver coins in the Orient. It is the only U.S. coin to have been demonetized. Many of the coins are noted for the "chop" marks put on them by the Chinese to ensure the coin's value.

Welcomed as new members are David Swadley and Michael Walc. Frank Clark is club president. — **Newsletter.**

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DISTRICT VI —

Chris Johns
Governor

Fifteen attended the meeting of **Ricebelt Coin Club** of El Campo when it was announced that due to the death of the club president, C. F. "Doc" Drapela, Dwight Tiller became president and Edmond Latapie would serve as vice president. Discussion was held on the September 26 coin show to be held at the American Legion Center.

Secretary Grace Vaclavick showed the U.S. Currency Collector Editions consisting of the $1 and $2 sheets, explaining that the design change in currency has been postponed until 1989. A mini auction was held and Dwight Tiller served refreshments. — **Grace Vaclavick, Sec.**

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Last minute plans for the annual coin show sponsored by **Bellaire Coin Club** on August 1-2 were discussed at the meeting. John Zanders was unable to attend to begin a program on a famous American — Benjamin Franklin. It is hoped that in August at the next meeting, Zanders would present it.

— **Newsletter.**

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Future programs planned by members of **Greater Houston Coin Club** include French crowns by Charles Templeton, Chinese Panda gold set by Ray Aldrete, and a report from Chris Johns on her attendance at the ANA Seminar.

Al Loja, TNA convention general chairman, announced that over one half of the bourse tables had been reserved and that Nela Runkle had been appointed to serve as exhibit chairman. The club voted to extend an invitation to TNA to hold its 1991 convention in Houston.

Ralph Ross showed a copy of the first newsletter of the **Clemens Coin Club,** organized recently at the Clemens High School in Rosenberg. Ralph has instituted a summer project for the young people in the club to keep them occupied during the vacation period.

Nela Runkle is heading a committee to finalize plans for the annual picnic and serving with her are Carl Fogarty and Bernard Loebe. — **Double Shift.**

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Joe Comeaux is the new secretary of **Pasadena Coin Club** and also has taken over duties as editor of the monthly newsletter — "Pasadena Plain Talk." He asks that members offer input for an interesting newsletter.

Under consideration is a change in meeting location. A committee has undertaken research and will report to club members at a later date. — **Newsletter.**

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DISTRICT VII —

Frank Galindo
Governor

Bob Medlar, candidate for ANA vice president, discussed ANA, ANACS and other ANA issues at the recent meeting of **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio. The club, of which Medlar is a member, is supporting him for the ANA office.

Medlar spoke out against ANACS grading of foreign coins, a demand for realistic and timely budgets, his plan for the restructuring of ANA elections, and his review and subsequent recommendations to improve ANACS procedures.

Mike Greenspan, TNA 2nd vice president, was invited as a guest speaker at one of the Numismatic Theatre presentations during the ANA convention in Atlanta, Ga. He also planned to attend the 1891 Club and the ANA Club Representatives Breakfast, representing Gateway club at both functions.

The Gatepost, club newsletter, edited by Greenspan, has been spotlighting Gateway members. Featured so far were Robin Ellis and Miriam Gilmore.

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Twenty-five members and guests were present at the **Alamo Coin Club** meeting in San Antonio when TNA Governor, Frank Galindo, installed the 1987-88 club officers. Several were absent for the occasion, but installed were Lee Grossman, 1st vice president; Richard Pinette, secretary; Harold Eiserloch, treasurer; and executive board members Bob Downs, Raymond Tate, Vincent Grubb and Delmar Cooke. Not present were Richard Goodwin, president; and John Kallman, 2nd vice president.

An auction was held consisting of donated numismatic items with the proceeds of $190 designated for coin show expenses. The show will be held September 19-20 at Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Hiway.

— Newsletter.

DISTRICT VIII —

Joe Davis
Governor

Summer activities for members of **Kingsville Coin Club** included a show and exhibit at Southgate Mall in Kingsville to generate interest in coin collecting and educate the public on coins and the hobby. Another is planned for October.

At an earlier meeting combined with a supper at Celenese Park, new officers were elected: David Burke, president; Ross Coleman, vice president; and Martha Burke, secretary-

treasurer. Past president medals were presented to John Smolik, Tom Jasek and Don Bryan.

Since the present meeting location is not always available, members voted to seek another meeting site and to hold a trade night on the first meeting night of the month. Refreshments and door prizes round out the club meetings. — **Martha Burke, Sec.**

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Victoria Numismatic Club members have already laid plans for the 1988 coin show. It will be held May 14-15 at the Holiday Inn, Highway 59.

Graves Rouse is bourse chairman. He is at 403 First Victoria National Bank, Victoria 77901, 512/575-5621. Kenneth E. Schwindt is club president.

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The **Corpus Christi Coin Club** will hold its annual fall coin show on October 17-18 at La Quinta Royale Hotel in downtown Corpus Christi. For bourse table reservations contact the club, P.O. Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

Announcement of programs planned includes an auction, a report by Bill Bailey on his trip to Hong Kong for the coin show held there, and programs by Alonzo Perez and Jimmy Bowman. It was reported that Henry Foster was ill and that Ouida Davis had eye surgery.

— **Newsletter.**

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DISTRICT IX —

E. L. Pitzer
Governor

A spring 1988 coin show has been announced by **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock and it will be held March 19-20 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 - 6th St. Contact Herman Jacobs, bourse chairman, for more information at P.O. Box 3795, Lubbock 79452 or call Ed Chauncey, 806/792- 2245.

Twenty-seven attended the recent meeting when TNA Governor E. L. Pitzer gave a report on TNA activities and benefits of being a TNA member. New club members are Joe Muse, Lena Snow, Stan Edgar and Charla Edgar. Charles Green of Midland was a visitor.

Hanson Ling gave a program about Chronograms on Coins followed by an auction conducted by Herman Jacobs.

— **E. L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9**

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The new officers of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield elected in June conducted the business at the July meeting held at the Reddy Room. Members voted to order another assortment of TNA medals as they have been popular as door prizes and gifts to visitors.

Larry Sanderson told members about his recent trip to Germany and other European countries. He also reported that he was a speaker at the Lions Club giving a program on numismatics. Winning door prizes were Sanderson and Joe Markham.

— **E. L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT X —

Walt Woelper
Governor

Millard P. Brown is the new president of **International Coin Club** of El Paso, assisted by Willie Tarrazas, vice president; Marlin Haines, secretary; Norman E. White, Sgt. at Arms; and Evelyn Galliart and Mike Estrada, board of directors. David Hollander is the new treasurer.

A proposal was made to hold a fall 1988 show on a smaller scale because of the larger shows becoming too costly. The club will explore the possibility of having several smaller shows during the year.

Haines conducted the auction and door prizes went to Al Aranda and Brown. Evelyn Galliart served refreshments. — **John & Florence Berger, P.R. Committee.**

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DISTRICT XI —

Charles Simmins and John Bitting joined as new members of **Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.** of Amarillo at the last meeting. Plans for the annual picnic and the October 3-4 coin show were discussed.

Announcement was made that Nela Runkle, formerly of Amarillo, was exhibit chairperson for the 1988 TNA convention to be held in Houston and was seeking exhibits for the spring event. — **Newsletter.**

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DISTRICT XIII —

Raymond E. Whyborn
Governor

Red River Coin Club of Iowa Park is planning the annual coin and stamp show for November 21-22 at Wichita Falls Activity Center, 1001 Indiana. Logan Essex was named bourse chairman and can be reached at P.O. Box 4061, Wichita Falls 76308.

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Gene Wheeler gave an indepth report of the Professional Coin Show, held in Dallas, at the **Seymour Coin Club** meeting at Lone Star Gas Co. A discussion followed on how the hobby is developing and what direction it is taking. It was noted that while a number of collectors remain active, this is the time of year many slow down and become inactive.

Also discussed was a survey received from William Atkinson about collecting styles and attitudes. — **Ray Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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At the recent meeting of **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club,** when 16 were present, Ray Whyborn presented the evening's program on stamps. He exhibited his scarce coin and stamp postcards that he has collected over the years and outlined their background and use. He also exhibited the new USPS souvenir pages including the story of the new 22 cent "Flag Over the Capitol" coil stamp.

TNA members were reminded that 1987 dues are delinquent. Two of the club's officers were welcomed back after illness — Secretary Pauline Copelin and Vice President Morris. The auction was conducted by Connolly O'Brien, who also won one of the door prizes. Whyborn also was a winner. — **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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A short tribute to recently deceased club members was given by Ray Coleman at the meeting of **Greenbelt Coin Club** in Vernon. Worth Coffee and Dr. Norton, who were both active in the earlier days of the club, died in July.

In memory of both gentlemen, the club decided to repair a museum display case at the Red River Museum in Vernon and add additional U.S. coins and paper money.

Bill Howard auctioned 47 lots of U.S. coins and world stamps. Twenty-three attended the meeting.

— Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.

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DISTRICT XV —

Jerry Williams provided background on the T. G. Brown Award given annually to some deserving member of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club.**

Thomas Graham Brown was a charter member of the club who served in many capacities throughout the years — general and bourse chairman for shows, member of TNA and ANA, respected coin dealer, past president of all area clubs and started "Did You Know?" questions at the meetings.

The award is based on the following: Attendance, serving as chairman or on a committee, donations, holding office, auctioneer, programs, coin show worker, recruiting new members and "welcome to visitors."

Donnie White gave a program on the history of English coins through the ages from Roman to the present. He covered each era of coinage from the 7th century, the Dane era, Anglo-Saxon, medieval and milled coins starting in the mid-1600's. — **Newsletter.**

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"Coin Preservation" was discussed by Bill Stein at the **Beaumont Coin Club** meeting. He told the group that long ago, coin collecting was the hobby of kings, and coins were kept in coin cabinets, virtually unprotected. Since then, numismatics has become popular for all classes of people and the importance of proper storage has become evident.

Bill described several types of coin storage methods and the pros and cons of each type. He said that any coin holder containing polyvinyl chloride (PVC) can damage coins over extended time periods. The popular 2 x 2's are alright for circulated coins, but are not airtight and have cardboard dust. One airtight container is called "Cointain." They are fairly expensive, but are a good investment for better coins. One last point was that the collector should consider the value of the coin when selecting a type of container. — **Kaye Brown, Sec.**

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Whatever you are interested in, generally there is a collection of coins to blend in with the subject. Are you all bent out of shape over heraldry? There are lions rampant and couchant on many coins. Perhaps Egyptology is your bag. Collect the Sphinx on coins of Egypt or the Egyptian warrior in his chariot on the gold 1/2 pound of Egypt minted in 1958. Oh, you're an equestrian? Consider Queen Elizabeth mounted on her steed on the coronation crown of 1953, or the Argentine gaucho astride his horse on the 10 Pesos of 1962. Why not put a camel in your stable? The French, Afars and Issas, 50-Franc coin of 1970 pictures two of the beasties. One of the most famous mothers, Maria Theresa, is shown on the Austrian 25-Schilling of 1967. You say you don't know of Maria Theresa? Shame — she was the mother of Marie Antoinette of French guillotine fame.

This list just skims the cream of the varied and intriguing ways to collect. One does not have to go for just the "pennies, nickels and dimes." Use some imagination and see what fun coin collecting can be!

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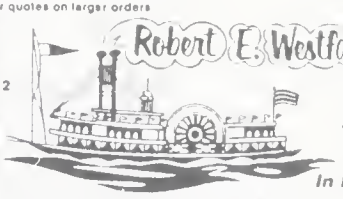

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"All of the Atocha coins come mostly from the Lima, Mexico and Potosi Mints and are dated between 1572 and 1621, during the reigns of Kings Philip II, III, and IV," Linett said.

The treasure-laden galleon Nuestra Senora de Atocha sank during a hurricane in 1622 about 40 miles off the coast of Florida. For more than 360 years the gold and silver coins and ingots remained there, until 1985, when Melvin Fisher and his crew from Treasure Salvors Inc. located the Atocha's remains.

Fisher's 16-year search for the ship cost him and his investors almost $10 million, and the lives of three members of his crew, including his son, Dirk, Dirk's wife, Angel, and a diver killed in a 1979 accident. Fisher's quest for the Atocha was recently documented in a network TV movie, and has been the subject of countless magazine and newspaper articles in recent years.

Among the rarities in the San Diego Auction to be held at the Holiday Inn Embarcadero is a 46-Troy-ounce gold bar carrying such markings as the shipment manifest number, fineness, tax-paid seal and the owner's stamp.

Catalogs for the Sept. 18-19 Auction are priced at $5 each and may be ordered from San Diego Show Inc., Box 3341, La Jolla, CA 92038, or by phoning (619) 273-3566. Prices realized will be furnished to buyers following the sale, Linett added.

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If you have any County or private issue notes to trade or sell, please contact me, I always want to add to my collection.

Also have a lot of fiscally related documents, will try to list some of them next time. If you have special wants, let me know.

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